



## SNAP Monthly News

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### Quotes of the Month

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed."  
- Mahatma Gandhi

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money."  
- Cree Indian Proverb

### Quick Links

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Photo: This is not Megan's to-be-baby, fondly known as "Buckethead." The baby is a photo from the internet of an unknown baby that has a bucket on his head.

### I. Buckethead's First Earth Day (a.k.a my unborn child)

By Megan Suarez-Brand

*On April 22nd, 1970 across the United States an estimated twenty million people celebrated the first Earth Day!*

It's funny but I can't remember my first Earth day or real environmental service day. As the midriff area of my body swells daily, I can't help but think about my first experiences with the natural world and my ethic of service. It is easy for me to answer the question on my exposure to ethics but it is harder for me to recall what it was that sparked my interest in the environment. I grew up in a small midwestern town called Appleton Wisconsin and my time outside was spent playing soccer and swimming in lakes. When I was eight, my dad took my brothers and me camping in our VW Vanagon to Jellystone Park (a Yogi the Bear campground). We spent a total of 12 hours at the campground until my dad's face ballooned from allergies. We headed on back to good ole' Nicholas Street parked in the driveway and popped up the VW's pop-up tent. When my brothers and I woke up and my Mom had brought

us eggo waffles. However, in regards to my service ethic, I grew up in an Irish/Cuban Catholic family where service was just part of what we did. I spent hours volunteering at church, soup kitchens, community events and habitat for humanity.

When I went off to college, I learned through my Anthropology courses about how people lived and interacted on the landscape. Those classes and books triggered my curiosity about how our daily actions impact the natural world. Also in my first year of college, I made friends who were into this thing called "backpacking." And this is where my real taste and love for the environment was sparked. At that time nothing could have spoke to me more. Being a minimalist, traveling to cool forests and mountains throughout the states, learning how to read a map and use a compass, it irritated me that I hadn't spent time going backpacking as a kid. I'm sure you can guess what came next I soaked up all the classics Walden, A Sand County Almanac, Silent Spring, Desert Solitaire and finally Cadillac Desert. The last one is what really did it for me. After reading Marc Reisner's, Cadillac Desert I knew I had to dedicate my life to serving the Earth. On the other hand, I thought you would have to be crazy to work on watershed issues in a place like California where Thoreau's statement "whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over," couldn't be more true.

Speed ahead ten years, after volunteering and helping run numerous Earth day and environmental service day events, I am doing what I once thought was crazy working on

## Buckehead's First Earth Day

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watershed issues in the heart of Desert Solitaire.

This year's Earth Day was truly a first for me - some of my girlfriends threw me a baby shower. I knew it was going to be a great day when I woke up and there was four inches of snow on my deck. Water, especially in the form of snow, symbolizes to me a source of power and purification. For me, nothing could have been more symbolic on the day we celebrate the Earth and in this year when we are celebrating little Buckehead on her/his way. Two events occurred at the baby shower that comforted me and urged me to be a strong environmentally-minded mother. On the cake there were three ladybugs, a tree, and a note that said "Welcome to the Earth." These few words contextualized the whole picture for me as not only am I giving birth to this baby but so is the Earth. That is why it is imperative for us to be responsible in our actions, in our thoughts, and in our words. We need to act even in small ways like my friend Marissa, who provided the second memorable event of the baby shower. Marissa entered the house and one of her first statements was "its Earth Day so I unplugged everything at my house," which made me laugh hysterically. Her next statement

was "I want to make sure that my daughter Sabrina gets to see polar bears." These few enduring words made my heart melt because it showed me just how important it is to have a day dedicated to the Earth.



Photo: Polar Bear mother with cub.

I hope that each of you celebrated Earth Day in a way that was not only important to you but to your partner, the Earth. I encourage you to keep up your service for the environment each day because no matter how small or trivial, it matters. The fact that the 27 of you are out there serving our partner, the Earth, makes me feel comfortable and proud to bring Buckehead into this world.

Sincerely,  
Megan Suarez-Brand  
SNAP Regional Coordinator

## II. SNAP News Recap

- **SNAP Goals Tracker by March 31:**
  - Restored Habitat Goal: 1700 acres**  
**To Date: 9.2 acres**
  - Ecological Monitoring Sites: 212 sites**  
**To Date: 82 sites**
  - People Educated: 16,800 persons**  
**To Date: 2894 persons**
  - Volunteers Engaged: 2165 persons**  
**To Date: 860 persons**
- **Final Cesar Chavez Day Pledges Totals:** We have final pledge counts at 416 pledges and 750 pounds of carbon emissions reduced!!! Way to go SNAP! Nicole Deas is the Climate Change Rock Star having collected 38 pledges resulting in 83 pounds of carbon reduction!!! Way to go Nicole!
- **SNAP Logo Almost There...** Thanks to everyone who made comments and contributed ideas. We're almost there and will hopefully have a final logo soon! If you'd like to see the latest version of the logo, please go to:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7409610@N08/>
- **Happy Earth Day!** All of the SNAP members celebrated Earth Day with many cool events and activities. A few of the Nevada City SNAP members ran an obstacle course that mimicked the salmonid life cycle for children. Way to go! Heather James worked at a booth called "Every Drop Counts", talking about water conservation. She played games with many children, made water cycle bracelets and did demonstrations about water conservation. Great Job!

## III. Upcoming Events

- **SNAP Mid-Service Training!**  
Host: SNAP, May 7-11, Location: River Ridge Ranch, Springville. The training will be held at the River Ridge Ranch ([www.river-ridge.net](http://www.river-ridge.net)) and will commence at Noon on Monday (May 7). See you in Springville!

Photo: At mid-fork of the Tule River, which borders River Ridge Ranch.



- **Restoration Day at the Yuba River with SYRCL!!!**  
Host: SYRCL, May 19 (9-1PM), Location: Washington. Eric, Joel, and Noel are planning a restoration event on the Yuba River. They're cleaning up graffiti near the little town of Washington, clearing blackberry and restoring trails at Bridgeport in the South Yuba State Park, and restoring trails at Hoyt's Crossing along the South Yuba. They're all beautiful South Yuba locations and SYRCL will provide food! They can arrange lodging for anyone that needs it. There should be room at Noel's house at the very least! Contact: Noel at SYRCL, 530-265-5961, [noel@syrcl.org](mailto:noel@syrcl.org)

## SNAP Upcoming Events cont'd.

- **Free GPS Training!** Host: TRCD, May 18 (10-1PM), Location: LTBMU-USFS office in South Lake Tahoe. The Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group of the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TRCD) is having a GPS training. It is free but folks will have to supply their own GPS units. Contact Jenny Francis at TRCD at [jenny.francis@carcd.org](mailto:jenny.francis@carcd.org) or 530-543-1501.
- **Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) Docent Training!!!** Host: TERC, May 14 & 21, June 4 & 11, Location: TCES, Incline Village. This is their 4-6 session (2 sessions are optional) volunteer docent training. Each session has a different focus and SNAP members are welcome to attend any or all the sessions. Sessions include topics such as Lake Tahoe 101, Research at Lake Tahoe, Geology, Working with Youth, Field Research/Boat Trip on Lake Tahoe and other workshops. Contact: Heather Segale at TERC, 775 881-7562, [hmsgale@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hmsgale@ucdavis.edu)
- **Annual Volunteer Workday for the Tahoe-Baikal Institute (TBI) at Fallen Leaf Lake!** Host: TBI, May 19 (10-3PM), Location: Fallen Leaf Lake, Tahoe. Basically it's helping TBI get their summer cabin "Frederick's" ready for their summer program and it is located right on the shore of beautiful Fallen Leaf Lake, right next to Lake Tahoe. Free BBQ lunch! Contact Jon Green at TBI at 530-542-5599 or [jgreen@tahoebaikal.org](mailto:jgreen@tahoebaikal.org)
- **7th Annual Snapshot Day!** May 12th (9am-Noon), Location: Lake Tahoe or Truckee River. This is a one-day volunteer-based event that takes a picture of one moment in time of our watersheds: Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. Contact:
  - \* Volunteer for North or South Shore Lake Tahoe: Jaymee Willison, (530) 544-2657
  - \* Volunteer for Middle Truckee River, Truckee: Beth Christman, (530) 550-8760
  - \* Volunteer for Lower Truckee River, Reno: Mary Kay Riedl, (775) 687-9454
- **TBI Chef summer job announcement - Please Pass It On.** Summer job opportunity with Tahoe-Baikal Institute at Fallen Leaf Lake (near Lake Tahoe). Beautiful, rustic cabin on the water, and a great group of people from around the world - looking for someone to cook three squares a day for 25 people! \$2000 and free room and board for six weeks...! Please distribute to anyone who might be interested. Contact Jon Green at TBI at 530-542-5599 or [jgreen@tahoebaikal.org](mailto:jgreen@tahoebaikal.org)
- **Learn how to Inspect and Decontaminate Boats for Invasive Species!** Host: TRCD, May 15 (10-3pm), location: Tahoe Keys Marina, South Lake Tahoe. Contact Alyssa Shook at TRCD (530)543-1501 ext. 108 or [ashook\\_trcd@yahoo.com](mailto:ashook_trcd@yahoo.com)
- **BIRTHDAYS!!!!** Recent and Upcoming SNAP Birthdays:
  - Laura Chamberlin, Katie Hergenrather, Kelly Janes: April 3
  - Megan Martinez: April 10
  - Do Lee: May 11
  - Helena Rodriguez: May 20
  - Megan Suarez-Brand: May 31
  - Buckethead: TBD

## IV. Building SNAP Fences

by Laura Chamberlin



Photo:  
Cottonwood Creek. By  
Laura Chamberlin

Clouds, rain, and freezing temperatures turned into a beautiful, sunny eastern white mountains weekend for three SNAP members. Friends of the Inyo would like to extend many thanks to Katie and Helena for joining us on our second visit to Cottonwood Creek for a habitat restoration project. With the last-minute cancellation from the scheduled high school group and a fundraising Earth Day run, we were unable to gather a large group of volunteers to help us build fence. This meant that SNAP members consisted of half of the volunteers for the whole weekend.

The project involves the building of a fence on BLM land. BLM is providing supplies and continuous train-

ing from the rangeland manager. Friends of the Inyo is providing the time and manpower to get the work done. The goal is to allow the cattle access to the legal allotment, while excluding them from the riparian area. This will allow for the stream to naturally restore to health. The cows already have access to the allotment and as expected they were moving freely throughout the riparian area. The exclusion of the cattle won't occur until the fence is complete, hopefully by next spring. All along the banks it is easy to see the degradation that the cattle can cause; erosion, cattle trails, and little to no recruitment of natural riparian vegetation. Along the banks, there is merely just grazed grass where there should be thickets of willows. Not too mention, there are unseen impacts to water quality and biodiversity.

We were able to repair previously built fences and built about 200 yards of new fences. It may not sound like a lot, especially when the total fence perimeter will be about 3 miles, but we were impressed with the progress. It is tough work and we all have the cuts and scrapes to prove it. The incredible views, dutch oven magic, and knowledge that it is good work - make it worthwhile. Watch for future fencing building opportunities through the Friends of the Inyo and you too can join in the fun.

Contact Laura at Friends of the Inyo at 760-873-6500 or [laura@friendsoftheinyo.org](mailto:laura@friendsoftheinyo.org).



## V. Discover Jon Green

Site: Tahoe-Baikal  
Institute (TBI)

Location: South Lake  
Tahoe

Photo by Genevieve  
Marsh

### Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I was born and raised along Thoreau's Merrimack in southern New Hampshire. After 18 years of small town life, I decided to go see the world. I spent the next few years living as a vagrant and a roustabout, working and exploring as a seasonal nomad, mostly on public lands in the American West. But I also made the sea voyage across the Atlantic and spent six months in the Mediterranean during that time. Ultimately, the more I travel the more difficult it becomes to say where I'm "from," all of these places are so much a part of me now, but the "Shire" will always be the home I return to.

### Q. Where did you go to college?

A. Sometime in my mid-20's, I renounced my total abolition of formal education, and decided to return to school and pursue my degree. Just by luck, I stumbled upon Evergreen State College (WA). In December 2005, I received my BA, with an emphasis in Environmental Policy and International Studies, specifically Russian. Russia's Lake Baikal was, and is, the fulcrum of these two fields, providing the perfect place for a case study of Russian and environmental issues.

### Q. What are your favorite hobbies, sports, or fun activities?

A. In short, what gets me up in the morning is environmental activism – protecting the places I love – especially the Lake Baikal watershed and the Olympic Peninsula. But, I also love to play! Especially in the wilderness! Hiking, rock climbing and alpine mountaineering have really made my heart beat ever since I moved to the West. Yoga and meditation keep my mind and spirit moving toward higher consciousness. I'm also a big movie buff – foreign and indie films mainly – and poetry and literature will forever be companions of mine. Of course, Russian language

and culture is my blend of personal-professional interests, but the Siberian wilderness feeds my love of travel and adventure like no other place I've been, which makes this all the more enticing.

### Q. Your favorite moment in SNAP:

A. Other than having the opportunity to work with TBI, which I've wanted to do for a few years now, my favorite SNAP moment is likely yet to come. In a few weeks I'll be moving into an historic summer cabin on Fallen Leaf Lake, near Lake Tahoe. As the on-site care-taker and land-steward for TBI's Forest Service property, I'll be living in a REALLY beautiful place, rent-free for the summer, with a group of people from around the world for awhile, and then I'll have the place to myself for awhile. I can't think of a better SNAP moment than that. FYI... there's an open invite to all of you! Stop by!

### Q. Your most challenging moment in SNAP:

A. My most challenging moments in SNAP are constantly feeling like I'm only the "AmeriCorps member." My sense of frustration stems from the feeling of only being "temporary" help, rather than someone making a long-term contribution to their host-site. Not that TBI is unappreciative... Maybe this feeling will go away eventually, but so will I, and then where will we be? Starting the cycle over for someone else next year....

### Q. What is your favorite quote?

A. "To be truly free one must take on the basic conditions as they are - painful, impermanent, open, imperfect - and then be grateful for impermanence and the freedom it grants us... the world is nature, and in the long run inevitably wild, because the wild, as the process and essence of nature, is also an ordering of impermanence."

~ Gary Snyder, Practice of the Wild

### Q. Where is the favorite place that you traveled to?

A. Clearly, Lake Baikal is a magical place in the world – the world's deepest, oldest, and most voluminous lake – holding 20% of the Earth's freshwater. It will eventually be the fifth ocean, splitting northern Asia in half. You should all visit it in your lifetime. [And as a shameless plug, I've got an eco-tour itinerary ready to go, with on the ground support from my friends in the region, for a 2-week backpacking trip – forests, mountains, hot springs, glaciers, and saunas; Moscow, Baikal, vodka, and omul – \$2500 for two weeks, all in-country travel and translation included! If you know someone who is interested, have them contact me.]



## VI. Hanging Out With Brittany Woi-derksi!

Site: Yosemite National Park

**Q. Where did you grow up?**

A. I know this is going to sound silly, but bear with me here. Hold your right hand up (palm facing you). Using your left hand, point to the tip of the index finger on your right. That's where I grew up; Cheboygan, Michigan. (Yes I know, it's fun to say.) During the school year, I divided my time between getting into trouble on my family's dairy farm, picking morels in the woods, and doing chores at my best friend's ranch. During the summer months, my parents and I traveled across the US on account of my dad's job. I've spent summers in Maine, Florida, Louisiana, West Virginia, Oregon, Arkansas, Wyoming, Iowa, as well as traveled to all of the states in between (and even spent a school year in Texas). So I guess the real question is where didn't I grow up?

**Q. Where did you go to college?**

A. From 2002-2006, I attended Western Michigan University (WMU) in Kalamazoo (hey, another fun name) where I studied geography (environmental analysis & resource mgmt), earth science, and environmental science. If you ever visit WMU (go Broncos!), make sure and visit both Bell's Brewery and the Kalamazoo Mall (the first outdoor pedestrian shopping mall built in the U.S. in 1959).

**Q. What do you like to do for fun?**

A. My favorite hobbies/pastimes include hunting for morel mushrooms, working with stained glass, taking motorcycle rides with my dad, SCUBA diving, teaching my nephews (ages 2 ½ & 3) the wonders of the world, hiking, hanging out with my dog Blue (for all of you who've seen Old School), inspecting nature, camping, rafting/kayaking, reading, fishing, baking, and traveling. Oh, and daydreaming about what the world would be like if dinosaurs were still alive. Can't forget that one.

**Q. What is your favorite SNAP moment?**

A. My favorite moment in SNAP so far was when I took a day trip to the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. I saw lots of Red-tailed Hawks and a few Great Horned Owls (way cool), hundreds of thousands of Snow Geese, stilts, and other waterfowl, and my favorite: hearing the prehistoric call of Sandhill Cranes.

**Q. What has been your most challenging SNAP moment?**

A. The biggest challenge so far has been filling out SNAP time sheets and reporting forms.

**Q. What is your favorite quote?**

A. "Vancouver! Vancouver! This is it!" The last radio transmission heard from volcanologist David Johnston when he was killed in the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980. The center actually didn't receive his warning, as the blast from the volcano probably blocked the transmission. The message was instead picked up by the radio of a private citizen who then recorded it. You didn't say it had to be an inspirational quote...

**Q. What is the favorite place to which you've traveled?**

A. Acadia National Park in Maine



## VII. Getting To Know Laura Chamberlin

Site: Friends of the Inyo

Location: Bishop

**Q. Where did you grow up?**

A. The Eastern Shore of MD, which is kind of like the Eastern Sierra, but instead of granite peaks we have the Bay.

**Q. Where did you go to college?**

A. University of Rhode Island, graduated pre-vet, but I'm not going that way anymore.

**Q. What are your favorite hobbies, sports, or fun activities?**

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A. I try to bird but I still have a lot to learn. I'm also just getting into triathloning.

**Q. Your favorite moment in SNAP:**

A. A recent water monitoring training day when all the volunteers returned from the precious week as enthusiastic as they started.

**Q. Your most challenging moment in SNAP:**

A. Plenty of challenges but one doesn't stick out any greater than another, maybe it is still to come...

**Q. What is your favorite quote?**

A. "Life's short, eat dessert first." Author unknown; In fact, I just took that literally and ate my lunchtime cookies at 9:30 am.

**Q. Where is the favorite place that you traveled to?**

A. Well, since it was just my birthday I recalled some recent birthdays in some far away places. Ngong Hills outside Nairobi, Kenya; Roumbakawa, Niger, my village; organic huckleberry farm in Laos.



## VIII. Nevada City's Own Kelly Janes!

Site: Natural Heritage Institute (NHI)

Location: Nevada City

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in Nevada City, California.

Q. Where did you go to college?

A. I went to Scripps Women's College in Southern California where I majored in Environmental Science.

Q. What are your favorite hobbies, sports or fun activities?

A. I love competitive rowing, dance (mostly ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, salsa and tango), corporeal mime, soccer, kayaking, backpacking, Bikram yoga, and black

and white photography.

Q. What has been your favorite SNAP moment?

A. Serving at NHI has been an amazing experience mainly due to the incredibly talented and driven women I work with.

Q. What has been your most challenging SNAP moment?

A. It has been a challenge to keep up with the women I work with.

Q. Where is the favorite place that you traveled to?

A. While doing research in Costa Rica last Summer I fell love with herpetology, mainly frogs, which is demonstrated by my three poison dart frogs and two white's tree frogs.

Q. What is your favorite quote?

A. My favorite quote is from the worst movie ever, Highlander. "The first time I went into battle, I peed my kilt." My other favorite quote is from Raphael of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: "So I guess we'll just stay here and hold these 400 ninjas at bay, pretty much."



## IX. Who Is Carly Nilson?

Site: Tahoe Resource Conservation District

Location: South Lake Tahoe

After growing up in the midst of the Rocky Mountains in the Front Range of Colorado, my spirit for adventure navigated me to Florida to attend Stetson University. Years of confusion aided me in finding my passion in studying the natural world. The rich biodiversity of Florida afforded me an opportunity to embrace bird watching. The tropical weather encouraged me to enjoy such activities as canoeing, bicycling, and rolling around in the waves. Because of my Colorado influence, I also partake in snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking, backpacking, and kayaking. I have been able to enjoy many of my pastimes now that I live in South Lake Tahoe as an Americorps member with the Tahoe

Resource Conservation District. My favorite aspect of SNAP thus far is meeting and befriending the environmental community in Tahoe. I have been given a special opportunity to understand many of the environmental issues confronting the Tahoe Basin. Although conveying the issues to the community has been at times difficult for them to grasp with lack of eagerness to participate.

Q. What is your favorite childhood memory?

A. Jumping out of bed, opening the curtain, only to run without my feet touching the floor as I fly down the stairs. The television on, the schools running through the bottom of the screen. Hooray, it is a snow day. I believe this just might be every child's favorite memory. Putting on all the snow gear, having snowball fights and sledding, only to finish the day with a large mug of hot cocoa with marshmallows. I remember this as one of my favorite days.

Q. Where is the favorite place that you traveled to?

A. The most fantastic place I have traveled to is New Zealand. It is unlike any other place, separated from the rest of the world, with so much to explore. I was fortunate enough to study abroad in such a unique and rich place.

## X. SNAP Shots

Want to share some of your photos? Remember that we have a shared SNAP Flickr site where all SNAP members can share their photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7409610@N08/>

Please refer to the instructions (login, password) about how to upload photos. Contact Do Lee if you need help to upload photos.



Photo: Alyssa, Nicole, and Carly in South Lake Tahoe for Nicole's Birthday Party! Photo submitted by Carly Nilson.

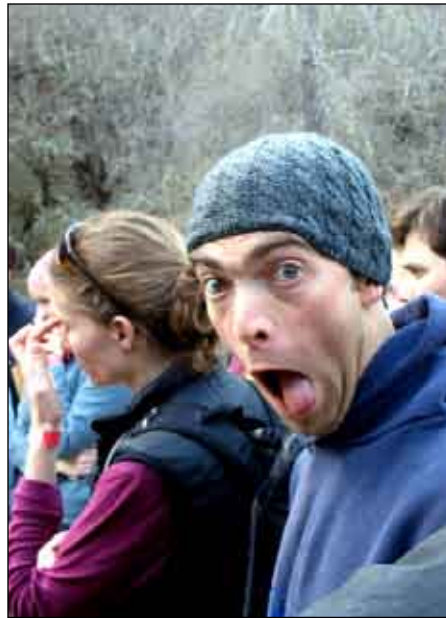


Photo: Ian Herdell is very excited at the Yosemite Training. Or perhaps about his great showers in Springville. Photo by Genevieve Marsh

Please do share your photos on the Flickr site, as we know that you all have wonderful photos from your service and communities! Thank you!

## XI. Tips & Resources Monthly Tip on How to Live Green & Cheap Non-Toxic Home Cleaning

(Information from: [http://eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_solutions.htm](http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm))

Today's modern home is loaded with toxic and polluting substances designed to make domestic life easier. The cost of these commercial, chemical-based products can be high -- long term health concerns for the family, and environmental pollution caused by their manufacture and disposal. In the US, for example, 1 in 3 people suffer from allergies, asthma, sinusitis or bronchitis (US National Center for Health Statistics). Treatment for these conditions should include reducing synthetic chemicals in the home environment.

For many home-cleaning chores, you can make your own cleaning products using the formulas listed at [http://eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_solutions.htm](http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm). These include many inexpensive, easy-to-use natural alternatives which can safely be used in place of commercial household products. Some of these natural alternatives include white vinegar, baking soda, cornstarch, and other alternatives.

One example: *All-Purpose Cleaner* - Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/4 cup baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) into 1/2 gallon (2 liters) water. Store and keep. Use for removal of water deposit stains on shower stall panels, bathroom chrome fixtures, windows, bathroom mirrors, etc. Another alternative is microfiber cloths which lift off dirt, grease and dust without the need for cleaning chemicals, because they are formulated to penetrate and trap dirt. There are a number of different brands. A good quality cloth can last for several years.

If you would like to share tips, resources, websites, and post-SNAP opportunities, please send them to Do Lee, [do@sierranevadaalliance.org](mailto:do@sierranevadaalliance.org) by the 20th of every month.

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